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Sir:

Pursuant to the notice mailed April 4, 2000 and also pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.63, please find enclosed the following documents pertaining to the above identified application:

- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts of Application;
 - 2. Check in the amount of \$170.00 (\$130.00 for

surcharge for filing late Declaration, and \$40.00 recordal
fee);

- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney
- 4. Assignment Cover Sheet
- 5. Assignment
- 6. One (1) drawing sheet showing Figure 8 described in the specification.

This application was filed via Express Mail Certificate No. EK 214 767 362 US, under date of February 10, 2000 and has received a Serial No. of 09/499,525.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Account No. 08-750. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- · The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The following item(s) appear to have been omitted from the application:

- Figure(s) 8 described in the specification.
- I. Should applicant contend that the above-noted omitted item(s) was in fact deposited in the Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) with the nonprovisional application papers, a copy of this Notice and a petition (and \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i))) with evidence of such deposit must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice. The petition fee will be refunded if is determined that the item(s) was received by the PTO.
- II. Should applicant desire to supply the omitted item(s) and accept the date that such omitted item(s) was filed in the PTO as the filing date of the above-identified application, a copy of this Notice, the omitted item(s) (with a supplemental oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64 referring to such items), and a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 (with the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)) requesting the later filing date must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice.
- III. The failure to file a petition (and petition fee) under the above options (I) or (II) within TWO MONTHS of the date of this Notice (37 CFR 1.181(f)) will be treated as a constructive acceptance by the applicant of the application as deposited in the PTO. THIS TWO MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) or (b). In the absence of a timely filed petition in reply to this Notice, the application will maintain a filing date as of the date of deposit of the application papers in the PTO, and original application papers (i.e., the original disclosure of the invention) will include only those application papers present in the PTO on the date of deposit.

In the event that applicant elects not to take action pursuant to options (I) or (II) above (thereby constructively electing option (III)), amendment of the specification to renumber the pages consecutively and cancel incomplete sentences caused by any omitted page(s), and/or amendment of the specification to cancel all references to any

Inted drawing(s), relabel the drawing squres to be numbered consecutively (if necessary), and correct the references in the specification to the required in the specification to the accompanied by a copy of the drawing figures showing the proposed changes in red ink. Such amendment and/or correction to the drawing figures, if necessary, should be by way of preliminary amendment submitted prior to the first Office action to avoid delays in the prosecution of the application.

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